

REMARKS

Claim Status:

Claims 11, 12, 16, 63-68 and 134-138 are pending.

Claims 1-10, 13, 14, 15, 17-19, 23-62, and 69-133 are canceled without prejudice as being drawn to non-elected claims. We expressly reserve our right to present these and similar claims in one or more divisional or continuing applications.

Dependent claims 134-138 are newly presented.

The scope of the copied claims has changed:

Claims 11, 12, 16 and 63-68 were originally copied from or substantially similar to various claims in US Patent No. 5,889,868 and US Published Application No. US 2001-0029580 A1 (hereafter “the Moskowitz patent documents”).

The scope of claims 11, 12, 16 and 63-68 has changed, however, by this Amendment. We submit, that these changes have broadened the scope of the claims (i.e., claims 11-13, 63 and 66) or placed them in even better form (i.e., claim 16). We submit that these claims are dominate in scope relative to the corresponding claims from the Moskowitz patent documents.

An interference with the Moskowitz patent documents is **no** longer deemed appropriate in view of these changes. Of course, we expressly reserve our right to file claims of commensurate scope – prior to today’s Amendment (e.g., claims from our August 7, 2006 Amendment) – in this or in one or more continuing applications.

We respectfully submit that the pending claims remain in condition for allowance.

Double Patenting Rejection:

Claim 18-20 of assignee’s U.S. Patent Application No. 11/458,639 are canceled by amendment filed today in that application. Hence, the outstanding double patenting rejection of allowed claims 63-65 is believed moot.

Withdrawal of such rejection is requested.

Title and Abstract Change:

The Title and Abstract are changed above to even more closely conform to at least some of the pending claims. A Supplemental Application Data Sheet is provided to reflect the title change.

Conclusion:

The application stands ready for allowance. Favorable consideration is requested. Nevertheless, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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